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SUBJECT: SADAT INTERVIEW WITH BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION

1. LOCAL PRESS FEBRUARY 27 REPORTS ON FRONT PAGE INTERVIEW GIVEN BY PRESIDENT SADAT PREVIOUS DAY IN MUSCAT TO BBC TELEVISION. MAIN STRESS IN LOCAL COVERAGE IS ON SADAT COMMENT THAT STATE OF NON-AGGRESSION ('ADAM I'TIDAA) WITH ISRAEL CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED THROUGH ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY AND RESTORATION OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. SADAT ALSO ANNOUNCED, ACCORDING TO AHAM COVERAGE OF INTERVIEW, THAT STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY TOWARD SOLUTION OF ME CRISIS PRESENTLY TERMINATED AND ALL PARTIES CURRENTLY CONCERNED WITH DETAILS OF COMPREHENSIVE AND PERMANENT SETTLEMENT TO ME DISPUTE. HE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT CONSIDER SEPARATE PEACE: "ALL THE ARAB SIDES MUST SIT TOGETHER AND AGREE. YOU MUST EXCLUDE FROM YOUR CONSIDERATION THAT ANY OF US IS PREPARED TO ACHIEVE PEACE UNILATERALLY."

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2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NEW AMERICAN ENDEAVORS TO ACHIEVE DISENGAGEMENT ON GOLAN, SADAT SAID: "AS YOU KNOW IT WAS SAID AFTER SECOND SINAI AGREEMENT THAT THERE IS SECRET CLAUSE. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS CLAUSE INVOLVED AN AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVE A SECOND DISENGAGEMENT IN THE GOLAN." LATER IN INTERVIEW, SADAT REITERATED HIS OFT-QUOTED PHRASE THAT U.S. HOLDS 99 PERCENT OF CARDS IN THE GAME AND "THAT AMERICA HAS MAJOR ROLE WHICH IT MUST PLAY. IT ALSO HAS A MAJOR COMMITMENT TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. I BELIEVE I WAS RIGHT IN MY OPTIMISM. LET US HOPE THAT AMERICA WILL CONTINUE IN ITS ROLE OF PUSHING THE WHEEL OF PEACE."

3. COMMENT: PAPERS TREAT SADAT REJECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON TERMINATION OF STATE OF "NON-BELLIGERENCY" AS DEFINITIVE. SADAT'S REJECTION OF FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS AND RULING OUT OF SEPARATE PEACE WOULD APPEAR TO BE RESPONSE BOTH TO CRITICS OF SINAI II AND TO SPECULATION (VOICED IN CAIRO RECENTLY BY SOVIETS AND EAST EUROPEANS AMONG OTHERS) THAT SADAT MAY NEGOTIATE SINAI III AGREEMENT (PROBABLY IN SPRING OF '77) REGARDLESS OF DEVELOPMENTS ON OTHER FRONTS.

4. WITH REGARD TO FUTURE, ONLY HOPE SADAT WAS ABLE TO OFFER ARAB MODERATES WAS HIS CONTINUING CONFIDENCE THAT U.S. COMMITMENT TO FURTHER MOVEMENT REMAINS VALID.  
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